REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 20, 2000 provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after type 8, 1995.

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	
a.	a. D Previously submitted	
	i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, along with one-month Petition for Extension of Time, previously filed on November 11, 2005	
	(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)	
	ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on	
	iii. Other	
b.		
	i. Amendment/Reply (Preliminary Amendment).	
	ii.	
	iii.	
	iv. Other Petition for Extension of Time (one-month).	
2.	Miscellaneous	
a. Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)		
b.	□ Other	
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
a.	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.	
	i.	
	ii.	
	iii. Dother	
b.	Check in the amount of \$910.00 is enclosed to cover \$790.00 for the basic filing fee; and \$120.00 for the one month Petition for Extension of Time.	

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